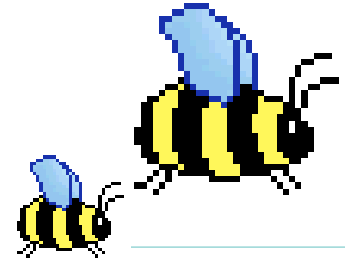




Weekly Buzz



Mrs. Jones' 3rd Grade



October 7 – 11, 2013

10/7 - 10/11

Spelling Test! Reading Test! OH MY!

Spelling

We started Unit 7 in our Spelling books on Friday. These words all follow the same pattern: vowel-consonant-vowel.

On Monday, we will complete pgs. 50-51 in our spelling books for extra practice. We will also complete spelling tic-tac-know charts, write JUICY sentences, and play spelling bingo for extra practice. Finally, we will add "rounding," word detectives, and word webs to our list for word work.

On Thursday, October 10th, we will have spelling test #7. We will begin using cursive on our spelling tests this week (on words in which we feel comfortable).

Spelling Words

Unit 7

1. state
2. close
3. slide
4. face
5. globe
6. pave
7. size
8. smoke
9. flame
10. broke
11. prize
12. skate
13. smile
14. plane
15. ripen

Bonus Words

1. siren
2. grace
3. erase
4. shone
5. stone



Reading

"City Critters," is our second story in our city wildlife unit! This is a non-fiction article describing most of the animals that live in cities. It features an urban biologist who explains that many raccoons live in sewers, chimneys and buildings (not only trees!). Squirrels and chipmunks that live near highways are often tested for effects from breathing exhaust fumes, and butterflies can live in backyards or patio plants. The article tells children to use their sense of "observation" to see the wildlife where they live.

There is a very special "observation project" that accompanies this article. Have a great time observing!

Vocabulary

1. biologist
2. skyscraper
3. urban
4. migrate
5. laboratory

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Announcements

- ✓ Reading Test on Thursday
- ✓ Spelling Test on Unit 7 Words on Thursday
- ✓ Our behavior is SPECTACULAR. Kudos to our awesome parents!!!!
- ✓ Oct 11 St Clair County Teachers' Institute - No School
- ✓ Oct. 14 Columbus Day - No School
- ✓ Spaghetti Dinner: Oct 16
- ✓ Picture Day, October 30th
- ✓ Halloween Class Party: Oct 31, 1:30-2:30



Weekly Specials Rotation for October 7-11, 2013

M(Art) Tu(Music) W(Library) Th(Computer) F(NO SCHOOL.)

In other buzz-worthy news:



Cursive Writing:

This week, we will practice more cursive during English and Writing. We will also begin slowly working cursive into our spelling activities and tests. Students will have the option of writing in cursive for their final copies of their personal narrative stories.

Science

We will begin our final two investigations in our Life Science Unit this week. We will discuss changes in the environment and healthy habits. As a culminating activity, we will earn the final two clues about Ft. Collins, Colorado!!!!

Math:

We will continue with perimeter and area this week, focusing on determining the "unknown factors," word problems, and creating "proof" or diagrams to accompany our math problems. Our centers will review rounding, area, perimeter, money, and graphing. Our Math Journals continue to be OUTSTANDING!! Hooray 3rd Grade!

English/Writing:

This week, we will finish our personal narratives. We will also switch our focus to informational writing, which will accompany our reading story this week. We will still practice dialogue, adding details, vivid verbs, and amazing adjectives, but we will shift our focus to writing for informative purposes. classroom library!

